



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Human Relations Committee

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

12:00 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

15-3775

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/09/2015

15-3440

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE ISSUE OF GUN VIOLENCE TO A MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, According to the most reliable public information available at present, 139 homicides have occurred in the City of Chicago since January of 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is the county seat and exists entirely within the boundaries of the County of Cook; and,

WHEREAS, Through its administration of the Health and Hospitals System, the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, the Cook County Jail, and the Cook County Circuit Court, Cook County is heavily impacted by the costs of and associated with gun violence; and

WHEREAS, A study by the University of Chicago Crime Lab puts the financial toll of gun violence at approximately \$2.5 billion annually, factoring in lost productivity, medical and psychiatric care, and the antisocial behavior that can often result from untreated trauma; and,

WHEREAS, It is both in the interests of the taxpayers and the responsibility of the fiscal stewards of the Cook County that the issue and the costs associated with gun violence be examined in depth by the committee of the Board tasked with reviewing matters of human rights throughout the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President of Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the issue of gun violence be referred to a meeting of the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Legislative History: 5/20/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Human Relations Committee



Matthew B. Darrow
Secretary

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